

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of October 7, 2014

Chairman Thomas Boussy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Selectman John F. DePinto, Selectwoman Ann Marie O'Neill, Selectman Robert W. Sweeney, Selectman Frank Vallarelli and Town Administrator David Ragucci. Town Counsel William H. Solomon arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Site Plan Hearing/Manison Street/Cicatelli

Selectman DePinto read the Notice of Hearing. Attorney Steven Cicatelli was present to represent Adam Road Business Center LLC et al to approve the site plan to construct (3) commercial buildings. Two (2) buildings comprised of eleven contractors' garages and one (1) unit fronting on Adam Road shown on proposed construction garage, with outdoor storage, on the property located at 21 Manison Street, Stoneham, MA, on land owned by Adam Road Business Center LLC et al, 405 Waltham Street, #401, Lexington, MA, in accordance with Section 4.7 and 4.7.3 of Chapter 15 of the Stoneham Zoning By-Law. Chairman Boussy shows the location being discussed. Selectwoman O'Neill asks about the appearance and making sure it is appealing where this location is what you see when you are entering Stoneham. Selectman Sweeney asks how big the units are. The developer states they are 1500 square feet units with one bathroom per unit and they are working to make this a green project. Selectmen DePinto read Department Recommendations – Attorney Steven Cicatelli agrees with all DPW Engineering, Police Department, Board of Health, Fire Department and Inspectional Services. Chairman Boussy opens to public comment. Selectman Sweeney made a motion to approve the site plan with two years to complete the project, seconded by Selectman DePinto. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O'Neill
Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Boussy

Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).

Police Department Update/Chief McIntyre

Chief McIntyre was present to give an update on the Police Department. Chief McIntyre discusses staffing levels which is currently at 36 officers from 41 officers in 1999 and where he would like to see his staffing be in the coming years. Chief McIntyre compares data on the event calls from last year to this year which all have increased. Chief McIntyre discusses grants that the Police Department receives. Chief McIntyre informs that Board on the important events that have occurred over the past year. Chairman Boussy would like to discuss the process of filling empty positions. Selectwoman O'Neill asks how much he needs to put someone in the academy. Chief McIntyre states \$25,000.00 per applicant. Mr. Ragucci is looking into shifting money at this town meeting. Mr. Ragucci states money may be able to be taken from unclassified account and IT budget combined.

CIC Grant Discussion/Ann Marie O'Neill

Selectwoman O'Neill discusses through the Drug & Alcohol Coalition they would like to apply for the 2015 Community Innovation Challenge Grant and would like the Board of Selectmen to support and sign tonight. Mrs. O'Neill explains this would target kids at risk and kids currently going through substance abuse issues. She states that we have no service for our teen population. Mrs. O'Neill states the Substance Abuse Coalition reached out to their counterparts. She explains this grant would be to renovate a locker room space at the Boys & Girls Club to attract teens with job fairs, homework and mentoring. Gerry DeViller from the Boys & Girls Club states it's approximately \$295,000.00 for both facilities and approximately \$200,000.00 being for Stoneham. Mr. DeViller states serving teens from the ages of 13-18 is something they have been looking to do. Selectman Sweeney made a motion to endorse this, seconded by Selectman DePinto. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O'Neill
Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Boussy

Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).

Rick Amato/Sweeney

Selectwoman O'Neill made a motion to move this to the end of the meeting. There was no second and Selectman Vallarelli states he would like to hear it now. Rick Amato speaks on the rumors going around.

Public Hearing/Approve Grant of Location/6 Bow Street/National Grid

Selectman DePinto read the Notice to Abutters regarding the petition of National Grid for locations of mains as hereinafter described for the transmission and distribution of gas in and under the following public streets, lanes, highways, and places of Town of Stoneham substantially as described in the petition dated 9/15/2014, attached hereto made a part hereof, and of the pipes, valves, governors, manholes and other structures, fixtures and appurtenances designed or intended to protect or operate said mains and accomplish the objects of said Company; and the digging up and opening the ground to lay or place same: Extend Gas Main 135' on Bow Street to serve #6. Mr. Sinclair owner of 6 Bow Street spoke on what he is requesting from National Grid. The abutters spoke on their concerns with there being ledge and that drilling will cause damage to their homes. Selectman Sweeney made a motion to table this item until we hear from National Grid, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O'Neill
Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Boussy

Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).

Selectman Vallarelli recuses himself from Agenda item#7 and leaves the room.

Public Hearing/Approve Grant of Location/San Jose Terrace/National Grid

Selectwoman O'Neill read the Notice to Abutters regarding the petition of National Grid for locations of mains as hereinafter described for the transmission and distribution of gas in and under the following public streets, lanes, highways, and places of Town of Stoneham substantially as described in the petition dated 10/02/2014, attached hereto made a part hereof, and of the pipes, valves, governors, manholes and other structures, fixtures and appurtenances designed or intended to protect or operate said mains and accomplish the objects of said Company; and the digging up and opening the ground to lay or place same: Extend Gas Main 70 feet on San Jose Terrace to serve #4. Paulette Gerry, 4 San Jose Terrace explains that she is looking for National Grid to extend the gas main to provide gas service to her home. Chairman Boussy opens to public. There was no comment. Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve the Grant of Location, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O'Neill
Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Boussy

Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).

Discussion on Grant of Location guidelines for utility companies

Director of Public Works Robert Grover explains that there is no policy for gas main installation/extensions. He states that there are no updated gas line plans for the Town. Selectwoman O'Neill made a motion to authorize Robert Grover to request updated plans from all the utility companies, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. The Board of Selectmen would like to require all gas main installation/gas main extensions projects to apply for a Grant of Location.

Fallon Road Design Discussion/Houghton

Attorney Charles Houghton was present representing Fairfield Residential. He states that Kevin Mealy from Fairfield Residential will give the update. Mr. Mealy states that there are two main areas they have been focusing on the last few months. He states they have made process with Conservation Commission. They met last Thursday and agreed they would get all their consultants together to work a few remaining issues. The next issue would be the time spent with government agencies on the onsite traffic mitigation. Mr. Mealy hands out a map and discusses the change that was made. Mr. Mealy states they are hoping to file for building permits by the end of the year. He states they are looking at a demolition to begin possibly Fall early Winter and they are looking at possibly March or April to start with site work.

Accept Warrant Articles as numbered for Annual October Town Meeting

Mr. Ragucci states they have met with most the interested parties regarding the easement in regards to the Bike Path. He states that Attorney Solomon, Outside Council, Anthony Wilson and himself rewrote Article #10. This new article will let the plans be updated/changed and filed at the Town Clerks office as changes are made. This gives more information to the public. Mr. Ragucci states that he was told the construction of the bike path is due to start in the spring of 2016. Chairman Boussy opens this discussion up to the public. Kathleen Sullivan, Spring Street, Attorney Brian Gallardo for Dale Halchak spoke. George Seibold, 1 Toms Way, Raymie Parker, Bonard Road and Attorney Charles Houghton all had questions and spoke on the issue. Anthony Wilson from the Bikeway Committee answered questions and gave a brief presentation of the areas being affected. Chairman Thomas Boussy passed the gavel to Selectman John DePinto. Selectwoman Ann Marie O'Neill made a motion to accept the new article as #10, seconded by Selectman Boussy and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Selectman DePinto made a motion to accept warrant articles as numbered for Annual October Town Meeting, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Sign Warrant for Annual October Town Meeting

Selectman DePinto made a motion to sign warrant for Annual October Town Meeting, seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Sign State Election Warrant

Selectman DePinto made a motion to sign state election warrant for November 4, 2014, seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Common Street Parking/Disability Committee

Sue Coughlin Chairwoman on the Disability Committee is asking the Selectman to approve a vote that was taken by the Disability Committee to provide a van accessible space on Church Street and transfer up to \$5,000.00 to Public Works to make this spot compliant. She states that this spot is not complaint currently. Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve this transfer of up to \$5,000.00 to Public Works, seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Liquor Licensing Authority

Selectman DePinto moved to go into Liquor Licensing Authority and return as the Board of Selectman, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O'Neill
Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Boussy

Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).

Meeting recessed at 9:25 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.

Meeting reconvened at 9:29 p.m.

Food Truck Regulations

Attorney Solomon requests this be continued to the next meeting on October 21, 2014.

Approve Minutes

Selectman DePinto made motion to approve minutes of September 23, 2014, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (3-0-1)**. Selectman Vallarelli abstained. .

Approve One Day Change of Time/Boys & Girls Club

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve the one day change of time for the Boys & Girls Club on Sunday, February 1, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Approve Date for Town Hall Holiday Party

Selectman Sweeney made a motion to approve the Town Hall Holiday Party to be held on December 16, 2014, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Approve BOH request to Stockwell

Selectman Sweeney made a motion to approve Board of Health request to Stockwell, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Appoint Election Officers

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve Gordon Perks, 10 Seward Road as Clerk, Carol Covill, 53 Elm Street as Deputy Clerk, Therese DiBlasi, 5 Danby Road as Inspector and Robert T. Sullivan, 56 Pine Street, #2 as Deputy Inspector, seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Accept Land

Selectman DePinto made a motion to look into this with proper Departments and Committees and come back with a recommendation for May Town Meeting, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Town Administrator

Mr. Ragucci states that the downtown vision meeting held on October 1st was an incredible success. Mr. Ragucci states he met with Woburn regarding the closing of the gelatin in 2016. He states to the Gelatin that it is extremely important they let him know exactly when they are closing due to the impact it will have on the MWRA rate payers. There will be quarterly meeting on the closing. Selectwoman O'Neill asked Mr. Ragucci if he looked into the sewer relief grant she had sent him. He stated that grant money is not something the town can apply for the MWRA uses that money to offset charges.

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Miscellaneous Correspondence

Chairman Boussy states there will be a Pumpkin Carving Event in the Common and he would request the support of the Board on October 25th. The Chamber of Commerce, Stoneham TV and Stoneham Theatre are participants in this event. Selectman DePinto made a motion to support the event, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Chairman Boussy is meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to work on the details of the event. Chairman Boussy states what he is calling the Downtown Challenge which will consist of 5 groups of 10 which is make reservations at 5 different restaurants in the square area and then go to the Adams Family Show at Stoneham Theater. Selectman DePinto states that on October Sat 25th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Stoneham High School they will be opening a time capsule that buried in 1953 at the old High School/Middle School. Selectman DePinto requests the Board present a proclamation for that day. Selectwoman O'Neill made a motion to present the proclamation, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Selectwoman O'Neill would like to recognize a donation to the Beautification Fund from the Mary Lou and John Bracciotti. Selectwoman O'Neill states that on October 26th there will be a Vigil from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Common. This will be a vigil for people in recovery and people on their way to recovery. This event will be designated as Red Ribbon Week which is a national movement.

Selectman DePinto adjourned, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair